26 September 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM

Herbert E. Hetu

Assistant for Public Affairs

SUBJECT

Sigma Delta Chi Session at Headquarters,

October 13

- 1. Action Requested: Approval for Public Affairs Office to host Washington Sigma Delta Chi (Society of Professional Journalists) at Headquarters and consideration of your brief appearance to welcome the group.
- 2. <u>Background</u>: Membership in Sigma Delta Chi includes many of the more important Washington area journalists who are accredited to the White House and to the Congress. They have requested "An Evening at CIA" on 13 October from about 1900 to 2100 hours.

We would expect about 200, including some wives, of their 450 members that make up the Washington Chapter. We have in mind a program that would include your appearance to welcome them with a brief comment, a short briefing on intelligence by the Agency's briefer, a question and answer period of about half an hour, and a social half hour with coffee and cookies to follow. Questions during the question and answer period would be handled by a 3-member namel that would include the Assistant for Public Affairs, who is the Deputy for Media Affairs in the Public Affairs Office, and

3. Recommendation: This is a good opportunity to set the record straight on Agency policy on the use of accredited journalists. Approval is requested and, if your schedule permits, your brief appearance.

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